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Letter dated 1 August 1991 from the representatives of China, France, Indonesia, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

We have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the Communiqué of the Co-chairmen of the Paris Conference on Cambodia and the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council, issued at Beijing on 18 July 1991 (see annex).

We should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 24 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Communiqué of the co-chairmen of the Paris Conference on Cambodia and the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council, issued at Beijing on 18 July 1991

The co-chairmen of the Paris Conference on Cambodia and the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council met at Beijing on 17 and 18 July 1991. The representative of the United Nations Secretary-General was also present.

The five and Indonesia note the repeated assurances by all Cambodian parties of their acceptance of the 28 August 1990 United Nations framework document in its entirety, as endorsed by the Security Council in its resolution 668 (1990) and acclaimed by the General Assembly on 15 October 1990, as the basis for settling the Cambodian conflict. They observe with satisfaction that, based on this commitment, the Supreme National Council (SNC) had made significant progress towards a comprehensive political settlement at meetings held recently at Jakarta, Pattaya and Beijing.

They welcome the election of Prince Sihanouk as President of the Supreme National Council.

These developments have created a new situation and a new opportunity to bring lasting peace to Cambodia. The five and Indonesia thus urge the now operational SNC to accelerate efforts to overcome the remaining difficulties and to reach a consensus, in a continuing spirit of reconciliation, on a comprehensive political settlement - based on the draft agreements of 26 November 1990 - at its forthcoming meeting at Bangkok from 26 to 28 August 1991. Such consensus would make possible the early reconvening of the Paris Conference on Cambodia to adopt and endorse a comprehensive political settlement which would be referred to the United Nations for approval and implementation.

The five and Indonesia welcome the decision of the SNC to implement an unlimited cease-fire. They also welcome its decision to stop receiving foreign military assistance, will respect this decision themselves and call upon all concerned to do likewise. The five and Indonesia also express the hope that the countries neighbouring Cambodia will prohibit the delivery of military equipment to any of the Cambodian parties from their territory. They also reiterate that the withdrawal of foreign military forces, the cease-fire and the cessation of outside military assistance must be effectively verified and supervised by the United Nations.

To that end, they welcome the proposal made by the SNC that a United Nations survey mission should be sent to Cambodia. They agreed to recommend the dispatch of such a mission. The mission would begin the process of preparing for the military aspects of United Nations Transitional Authority in

Cambodia (UNTAC) and could consider how the Secretary-General of the United Nations can use his good offices to help maintain the unlimited informal cease-fire now in effect.

The five and Indonesia welcome the decision taken at the initiative of Prince Sihanouk to establish the SNC in Phnom Penh later this year. They view positively the sending of diplomatic representatives to the SNC after the Council establishes itself in free and fair elections to be held under the auspices of the United Nations, as part of the comprehensive political settlement, in accordance with the framework document of 28 August 1990 and as envisaged in the 26 November 1990 draft agreements.

The five and Indonesia agreed to meet again at Bangkok on 29 and 30 August, on which occasion they will also hold discussions with SNC following its meeting during the preceding days.

The participants expressed appreciation to the Government of the People's Republic of China for its excellent arrangements in hosting the current meeting.